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TRUMAN ORDERS ARMY TO RUN RAILROADS

Senate Will Get Draft-Training Bill Tomorrow

Armed Services Group To Speed Work on Final Provisions

By Robert K. Walsh

The Senate Armed Services Committee decided today to send a draft-military training bill to the Senate tomorrow.

Chairman Gurney announced the committee still is working on several provisions, including a proposal by Senator Russell, Democrat, of Georgia, to provide a "draft" to industry if necessary to assure production for the armed forces.

"But there is a complete belief that we will finish the bill tomorrow morning," Senator Gurney said after a long closed session today.

There was general acceptance of most of these provisions in the bill. We plan to introduce and record it as a committee bill to the Senate tomorrow.

Details of the bill will not be made public until that time, Chairman Gurney said. He added, however, that the measure is little changed fundamentally from the plan originally proposed two weeks ago. That plan called for drafting of 190,000 men in the 19-25 age bracket for two years, and the calling of 161,000 youths of 18 for one year of training.

18-Month Veterans Exempt.

Committee members disclosed that the bill, as it now stands, would continue to require registration of doctors up to 45 years old. But there is a new provision which would exempt from the bill those who served in the war and 18 months during the war will be exempt from induction only if they joined organized reserves. Those with less than 90 days will be subject to induction, while those who served more than 18 months will be exempt.

Meanwhile, a separate selective service measure, reported out a week ago by the House Armed Services Committee, was expected to get House Committee clearance this week.

Time May Be Left to President.

While congressional enactment of a draft measure seemed probable, some House leaders said it might be set up such a way as to leave the President decide if and when actual induction of men is necessary.

Many members, one Republican leader commented, would be willing to have a draft law on the books and the selective service system organized but they do not believe "there is a crisis yet that requires drafting men."

Advocates of military training legislation look for considerably greater difficulty in putting through a law on that subject.

In another defense move, the \$223,000,000 supplementary appropriation bill for aircraft procurement, including authorization for a start toward a 70-group Air Force, may receive final approval in Congress within a day or two, House Appropriations Committee officials said.

The measure, adopted by the House, 343 to 3 last month, was amended before Senate passage last Thursday, 74 to 2. Chairman Taber of the House Appropriations Committee said today the House might

(See DEFENSE, Page A-4.)

Sawyer Sees No Sign Of Condon Disloyalty

By the Associated Press

Charles Sawyer, in his first news conference as Secretary of Commerce, said today he agrees with a department board that there are no reasonable grounds for believing the disloyalty of Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the Bureau of Standards.

Mr. Sawyer said at the same time, disclosed that Dr. Condon has "voluntarily agreed" to "restrict his activities and contacts so that he will acquire no new information with respect to atomic energy" for the time being.

Condon will continue that course, Mr. Sawyer said, until the Atomic Energy Commission has completed a review of the clearance it earlier gave Dr. Condon for "access to certain restricted atomic information."

Dr. Condon has been declared by a House Subcommittee on Un-American Affairs to be "one of the weakest links in our atomic security." Dr. Condon has denied it and asked the committee to give him a hearing.

Mr. Sawyer said he read the "complete file of the loyalty check on Dr. Condon before concurring" in a department board finding in favor of Dr. Condon.

Late News Bulletin

Shorter Stacks Urged

The Government today urged the Braddock Coal & Power Co., a subsidiary of Potomac Electric Power Co. here, to reconsider its plans for construction of 195-foot smokestacks at its new Alexandria plant and reduce them to about 150 feet. The projected height, the Government said, is a potential hazard to planes making landings at National Airport.



Miller Demands Action On Direct Admissions To St. Elizabeths

Asks Mason to Have Bill to Ease Crowding Drafted Immediately

By Miriam Ottenberg

Immediate action to get a bill permitting chronic mental patients to go direct to St. Elizabeths Hospital was demanded today by Chairman Miller of the House District Subcommittee on Health, Education and Recreation.

Dr. Miller got Commissioner Guy Mason out of a meeting this morning to request that a bill be drafted immediately.

The subcommittee chairman went to work on the bill after reading an article in the Sunday Star headed "A Study in Futility," which disclosed that although there was general agreement on a simple amendment to make direct admissions to St. Elizabeths possible, District officials had done nothing about it.

The article reported that early in March Commissioner Mason promised action within 48 hours. As of yesterday, however, the possibility of such an amendment had never been presented to the Board of Commissioners and Corporation Counsel Vernon West had not been asked to draft the legislation.

Dr. Miller said Commissioner Mason told him he would have Mr. West get to work on the proposed amendment today.

"I'm going to call Mr. West myself tomorrow to find out how far he has gotten," Dr. Miller said. "I'm going to keep after this until I get that draft."

Dr. Miller said he told the Commissioner if he didn't get action from the District Building, he would have the Capitol's bill drafters get to work on it.

He preferred, he said, to have the draft come from the District Building.

"I'm surprised the Commissioner has even made a move to get permission under the law to send patients direct to St. Elizabeths," (See GALLINGER, Page A-4.)

Blocks Fall From Truck, Kill 13 Pilgrims in Italy

By the Associated Press

NAPLES, Italy, May 10.—Marble blocks toppling from a truck fell on a group of sight-seeing pilgrims near here today, killing 13 and injuring four.

The sight-seers were returning from Pompei Sanctuary when they halted on the Calore River bridge in Mirabella to admire the view.

As redesigned by the Public Buildings Administration, the new GAO building would occupy all of a square with the exception of a small section in the northwest corner of the block occupied by a church.

The new courthouse had been (See D. C. BILLS, Page A-3.)

Communist Choice for President Of Italy Leads on First Ballot

De Nicola Gets 396 To 353 for Sforza; Needs Two-Thirds

By the Associated Press

ROME, May 10.—Enrico De Nicola, choice of the Communist Popular Front, got more votes than Carlo Sforza, candidate of the dominant Christian Democrats, on today's first ballot for President of the Italian Republic, but not enough to elect him.

Mr. De Nicola, provisional president the last two years, received 396 votes and Count Sforza, foreign minister, 353. A two-thirds margin was needed.

The President is being elected by Parliament in a joint session of its two houses. On the first three ballots (See ITALY, Page A-4.)

Courthouse and GAO Construction Bills Sent to White House

House-Approved Measures Are Passed by Senate Without Debate

By Harold B. Rogers

The Senate today passed and sent to the White House bills for construction of the new Federal Courthouse and the new General Accounting Office Building here.

Congressional action was completed when the Senate took up the two House-passed bills and approved them both without debate.

Both structures long have been sought to relieve congestion in their present facilities, which are scattered throughout several buildings.

The courthouse would be constructed on Constitution avenue between Third street and John Marshall place N.W. The site purchased by the District for a Municipal Center now is being used as a parking lot for automobiles.

War Blocked Construction.

The GAO building project was started before World War II on G street between Fourth and Fifth streets N.W. A hole was dug in the site, but construction was blocked by the war.

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South Was Stabbed in Back, States' Rights Keynote Says

By the Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss., May 10.—Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina declared today that President Truman has "stabbed" the South "in the back," and asserted that the National Democratic Party would lose the solid South unless it deserts the President's civil rights program.

Gov. Thurmond, keynote of a convention of States' Rights Democrats, opening here today, urged each State to warn the national party convention "that that State will not be bound to support the nominees... if the nominees or the party itself should advocate the so-called Federal civil rights program."

"If we do this," he said, "no one will be able to say that we are bolting or breaking faith with the party if our people shall subsequently cast their electoral votes for others than such nominees."

The South, he said, is not in revolt against the Democratic Party.

It is "in revolt against the present leadership of the Democratic Party



ENRICO DE NICOLA. —AP Photo.

Elected Government Long Overdue Here, Dirksen Declares

McMillan, Foe of Change, Asserts Washington Is 'Hotbed of Politics'

By Don S. Warren

Sponsors and opponents of a limited form of home rule for the District voiced-clashing views today at a hearing on the charter measure before the House Rules Committee.

There was no decision by the Rules group and it scheduled another hearing for 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The bill, reported favorably by the House District Committee by a 14 to 8 vote, was outlined in some detail by Chairman Dirksen as a means of giving the District an elected and reorganized city government which he said was "long overdue," but under a plan retaining all ultimate controls in Congress.

Opposition was led by Representative McMillan, Democrat, of South Carolina, who said Washington was a "hotbed of politics" and that the Rules Committee should think two or three times before it acted.

Sees Little Support.

Mr. McMillan said the bill would "bypass" other committees of Congress and that he would find no support for the measure in the District except that given "by the newspapers."

The matter was taken before the Rules Committee for a procedural order that would permit the bill to be considered promptly in the House, without facing disastrous filibuster tactics.

Congressional aides had explained that under regular District Day (See HOME RULE, Page A-4.)

High of 90 Expected Today, With Night Staying Warm

A sunny, breezy day, with a maximum temperature near 90 degrees, was forecast for Washington today. It will continue to be fair and warm tonight, and the mercury will not drop below about 65 degrees, according to the Weather Bureau.

Tomorrow's prediction is for considerable cloudiness with thunder-showers and slightly lower temperatures.

Yesterday's ideal spring weather drew thousands to the Zoo, other parks and the baseball game at Griffith Stadium.

Traffic was heavy on roads leading into the Maryland and Virginia countryside. Hundreds of District cars could be seen on the Skyline drive and at the picnic areas in Shenandoah National Park.

It was estimated 35,000 persons visited the Zoo.

The high temperature yesterday was 83 at 5:12 p.m.

President Acts to Prevent Strike; Unions Silent on Working for U.S.

Lewis Demands New Hard Coal Pact by July 10

Union Leader Asks Wage Conferences To Start May 20

By the Associated Press

John L. Lewis today gave hard coal operators a 60-day notice of intention to end the United Mine Workers' contract covering 80,000 anthracite miners.

Mr. Lewis told the producers he wants a new contract for the UMW by July 10. He asked for wage conferences to begin May 20, unless a later date is mutually agreed on.

The hard coal industry has been operating since 1946 under a contract carrying no termination date, but allowing either party to give 30 days notice of termination whenever desired.

By giving 60 days notice, Mr. Lewis was conforming to a Taft-Hartley Labor Act requirement that a party wanting to end an agreement allow that much time.

Soft Coal Talks Set.

Mr. Lewis gave similar notice on April 30 to the soft coal operators, whose contract expires June 30.

The bituminous contract negotiations are to begin May 18 here.

Mr. Lewis made no recommendation where to hold the hard coal negotiations, but usually they are held in New York City.

Mr. Lewis said in a letter to Ralph E. Taggart, chairman of Anthracite Operators' Committee: "In order to properly, and in an overall sense, give due notice in a manner which will meet all requirements of the situation, you are hereby officially advised that the United Mine Workers of America, international union and districts 1, 7 and 9, requests a joint conference of the accredited representatives of the joint contracting parties for the purpose of negotiating new arrangements affecting wages, hours, rules, practices, differentials, inequalities, compensation and occupational disease laws, welfare, health, safety and all other pertinent matters appertaining to the anthracite industry."

Suggestions Invited.

"It is the purpose and intent of this notice that the effective date of the successor contract should be not later than July 10, 1948, and, in the light of the facts mentioned herein, conferences between the parties, in conformity with the provisions of the 1946 agreement, should commence May 20, 1948, unless a later date is otherwise mutually agreed upon in a manner which will meet all contractual and other requirements, and fully protect and reserve the rights of said parties to the 1946 agreement."

Illustrating the difference in relations between Mr. Lewis and the anthracite operators and his stormy dealings with the much larger soft coal industry, Mr. Lewis told the hard coal mine owners "we will be glad to have your answer or suggestions in the premises."

The bulk of the hard coal mines are in Eastern Pennsylvania.

There was no advance indication of what the contract demands would be.

Gandhi Friend Dies

LONDON, May 10 (AP)—Sir John Tarlton Whitty, 72, former acting governor of Bihar and Orissa Provinces in India and a friend in his younger days of the late Mohandas Gandhi, died yesterday.

G. O. P. Compares Lineup With 1928 Yanks

Republicans today promised to show the Democrats a batting attack that will make the New York Yankees' famed "murderers' row" of 1928 look like juvenile delinquents when they tangle in their annual game at Griffith Stadium May 21.

"The Yanks were good hitters," conceded Representative C. W. (Runt) Bishop, Republican manager, "but we'll be better. At least we'll do better against Democratic pitching. I doubt if anybody who doesn't hit at least 500 will have a chance of breaking into our line-up. That shows the difference between the Yanks and us. I understand they had a few 300 hitters in the line-up."

One of the most prolific Republican swatsmiths probably will be Representative Thor C. Tollefson of Tacoma, Wash., who has the records to prove he averaged 340 while playing the infield for the University of Washington nine.

"Thor looks pretty good," Bishop agreed, "but we're trying to bring him up. A few sessions of batting practice should do it."

Representative Francis Case of South Dakota is another ace in the mauling of the Pachyderms is counting on to ring the scoring bell. Case is a veteran of last year's game, in which he came to bat five times, got on base four times and scored three runs.

Nation Feeling First Effects of Rail Dispute

By the Associated Press

The Nation was getting a foretaste today of what the threatened rail-strike would mean in unemployment, high prices and privation even as the Government moved to take over the railroads.

Eighty-eight major railroads stopped accepting perishable freight shipments, including those involving cattle, poultry, meats, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Fruit growers and shipping agencies paid off thousands of workers. Fresh produce prices skyrocketed in New York and Mayor O'Dwyer said that city faces "one of the worst food gouges in history" if the ban on shipments continues.

He said "wild speculation" on some foodstuffs en route to New York markets already had started. The city was not threatened with an immediate food shortage but officials warned against panic buying which would inflate prices and dislocate distribution.

Spot trading in butter, eggs and potatoes was ordered suspended today on the New York Mercantile Exchange because of the railroad situation. Trading in futures contracts continued.

See Huge Losses.

Fruit and vegetable growers in California, Texas and Florida said that if the strike is undertaken and is prolonged, their losses will run into the millions of dollars. Industries with low stockpiles of coal soon will be out of fuel and thousands of employees will be laid off. Mines will be forced to shut down in the absence of coal cars.

In California about 10,000 agricultural workers already have been laid off and shipments of celery and lettuce halted by embargoes. Growers estimated their losses at \$300,000 a day. Canned asparagus, broccoli, cherries and artichokes also are being harvested.

The executive manager of the Texas Citrus Vegetable Shippers & Growers Association estimated the daily loss to that association's members at \$25,000 a day.

Fresh fruit shipping also was at a virtual standstill in Florida, but cannal operations were continuing.

Bethlehem Plans to Suspend.

The Bethlehem Steel Co. announced that if the strike is not averted it will suspend operations immediately and lay off its 14,000 employees. The automobile industry indicated it also would be forced to shut down soon because of a lack of storage space for assembled cars.

Maintenance of food supplies to cities if current stocks should become exhausted was considered far beyond the capacity of all trucks that could be mobilized.

In Philadelphia, wholesale produce markets were cluttered tonight with fruits and vegetables being rushed to beat the threatened strike.

(See TRANSPORTATION, Page A-4.)

Truman to Speak Here At Memorial Day Rites

President Truman will speak at Memorial Day services in the Arlington National Cemetery at the amphitheater on Sunday, May 30, the White House announced today.

Eben Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, said the President will lay at rest at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier shortly before noon on that day.

The President will then go into the amphitheater and speak at 12:15 p.m. for about 10 minutes, Mr. Ayers said.

On his way back to the White House the President will stop at services to be held at the Water Gate by the Fleet Reserve Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary in commemoration of Navy dead.

Tickets for Ball Game On Sale in Star Lobby

Tickets for the Congressional baseball game at Griffith Stadium May 21 can be purchased in the lobby of The Evening Star Building.

The scale of prices is \$1 for general admission, \$1.25 for reserved seats and \$2 for box seats, tax included.

Those desiring to make reservations by mail should send checks made out to The Evening Star and address them to Congressional Ball Game, Room 724, The Evening Star Building.

Officials Meet On Emergency Plans for City

The District Commissioners called a meeting of department heads and trade association representatives this afternoon to outline a possible course of action in event of a railroad strike tomorrow despite Government seizure.

It is possible that some form of voluntary rationing of meats and foodstuffs will be recommended if the strike goes through at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

The Merchants & Manufacturers wholesale food division will meet tomorrow morning to discuss that step. Sidney Kolker, chairman, said he believed voluntary rationing would be necessary at the wholesale level to offset effects of a protracted strike.

"There is nothing we can do about it just yet," Mr. Kolker said, in reaffirming a report that about 10 days' supply of meat is on hand here.

Recognizing the problems of supply that may arise with a long strike, the Commissioners met this morning and arranged for the (See EMBARGO, Page A-3.)

Grand Jury Indicts 14 As Gamblers; Fay Pushes Special Probe

Prosecutor Tells Aides Of New York Methods In Fighting Racket

By Chris Mathisen

The regular grand jury today indicted 14 persons on gambling charges as United States Attorney George Morris Fay continued preparing for the general investigation of the Washington gambling racket to be started next Monday by a special grand jury.

Thirteen of those indicted were accused of numbers game activity. The fourteen were charged with setting up a gambling table for horse race bets.

Mr. Fay, meanwhile, conferred with his two principal assistants, John W. Fihely and Charles B. Murray, to give them the benefit of his observations of New York's anti-gambling methods.

Back from a three-day trip, Mr. Fay termed his conferences with New York officials "very productive," but added he could not say in what ways his findings would be applied in the forthcoming special grand jury investigation here.

On reaching his office, however, he met promptly with the two assistant United States attorneys scheduled to assist him in picturing the Washington area gambling racket to the grand jury which will be impeached next Monday.

Guest of O'Dwyer.

Mr. Fay was the guest of Mayor William O'Dwyer, a friend, while in New York. He said he talked, also, with New York Commissioner of Investigation John Murphy and District Attorney Frank Hogan of New York County (Manhattan).

It was while in the latter post that he was indicted for racketeering. (See GAMBLING, Page A-3.)

Harriman in Paris

PARIS, May 10 (AP)—W. Averell Harriman, ambassador at large for the European Recovery Program, arrived today from New York. He stopped briefly in London to talk with Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador there.

Navy PBV, 12 Aboard, Missing in Caribbean

By the Associated Press

MIAMI, Fla., May 10.—The Coast Guard said today that a Navy PBV flying boat with 12 men aboard has been missing since about 2 a.m. yesterday somewhere between Puerto Rico and Cuba.

An air-sea search is being directed by the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Coast Guard said.

The plane was en route from Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, to Key West, Fla. It was to have landed at a Key West about 8 a.m. yesterday.

The Coast Guard said it had one search plane out and 23 Army planes from MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., are to meet today.

The Navy's Caribbean Sea frontier said no definite "fix" had been established on the plane's last position—when it reported in about 2 a.m.—but that the general search area was centered around Great Inagua Island.